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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 10.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS DATED MAY 24, 2004

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated May 24, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month to expire on August 24, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/5614.D1/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are included in a listing of the claims which begins on page 12 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper. Also attached is a copy the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers as required by the Examiner.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of formal drawings include; changes to Fig. 4B, identifying a separate view properly as 4C, changes to Fig. 6, properly identifying the drawing as 6A and 6B, and, properly numbering and identifying sheet 13/15 as Fig. 10. These sheets, which include Figs. 4B, 4C, 6A, 6B, and 10, replace the original sheets including Figs. 4B, 6, and sheet 13/15.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes